DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: In two instances I know, one was given 60 reams and another 30 reams.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know what those institutions are?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Kottayam Bar Association is I think one of them.

Punja cultivation.

88. ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation was sent to the Punja Special Officer by the people of Triperumthura pakuthi in Mavelikara to render them all possible help in punja cultivation; and

(*b*) the action taken on the same?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Opening of a Channel at the Thiruvattar-Aruvikara Flume.

89. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation has been conducted or any report made during the time of Mr. Krishna Aiyengar when he was Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, regarding the opening of another channel at the Thiruvattar-Aruvikara flume to cross the Eattakode ridge to feed the old Ayakattu lands in the Attoor Nattalom, Killiyoor and Keezhkulam valley in the Vilavancode taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: A report was made by Mr. S. S. Krishna Aiyengar, Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, in 1928 but no investigation was conducted as the scheme did not seem to be feasible.

Ryots' road from Azamcholi Market to Maruthenpara Kani.

90. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a ryots' road from Azamcholi market to Maruthenpara Kani *via* Edavattathu *ela* in Kaliyal pakuthi, Vilavancode taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: There is no ryots' road but there is a poramboke foot-path from Alanchola market up to Edavattam.

Pallikkat Thodu.

91. ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount was allotted in the Budget of 1118, to widen the channel called 'Pallikkat Thodu' in the Mavelikara taluk and

(*b*) whether any amount was spent in 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION.

RATION OF PADDY AND RICE TO THE TEACHERS OF GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued orders stopping the ration of paddy or rice to the teachers of grant-in-aid schools of the State who have no paddy or rice of their own?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no such order passed by Government.

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WORK DONE BY ENUMERATORS.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Very often in this Honourable House, accusations are made that one set of officers or other are not doing their work properly and I think it is up to us to realise that when work is done very well and in a most exemplary fashion, it ought to be recognised. There was an enumeration started yesterday for the purpose of completing the rationing of food grains in Trivandrum, and for that purpose, voluntary efforts of the clerks of the Secretariat, Accountant General's office, Financial Secretariat, Excise Commissioner's office, Police Commissioner's Office, Trivandrum Corporation office, Deputy Income Tax Commissioner's office, Education Department, Government High Schools, Division Peishkar's office etc., were utilised, and all of them about 400, with tremendous enthusiasm and very exemplary activity, went on from 2 P. M. till 11-30 in the night, and have done very fine piece of work which I think we ought to acknowledge with gratitude.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND I—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 9,12,591 under Demand I—Excise Department.

Motion No. 1.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER (*Mavelikara cum Kunnatur*): Sir, I move—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7689 for Inspectors by Rs. 10."

My object is to discuss the lack of efficiency of these officers to check smuggling and corruption in the frontiers and chowkeys. At this time Sir, when the food scarcity and scarcity of other materials are in evidence in the eastern and northern frontiers of Travancore there is naturally a tendency to take things to and fro without paying duties. During the transport of goods from place to place the officers of Government in the chowkeys are not checking the articles properly. I understand that rice is taken from outside to Travancore. Some of our materials like cardamom which is a dutiable article are taken outside with the convenience of the subordinate services of the department such as Excise guards. Though the Excise Commissioner is very efficient and careful since these things are locally supervised by the local Inspectors who are not exercising strict control, I am just pointing it out for the proper care hereafter. Since things are going on almost every day I may point out that there is necessity for checking such practices; and hence my motion.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: May I request the honourable member to tell me the names of the Officers if he has any in mind,

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may perhaps enlighten the House as to the number of dismissals, suspensions and warnings meted out to the subordinates in his department.

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